



Public Announcement

**U.S. Army Corps
Of Engineers**
Galveston District

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

FORT WORTH DISTRICT AND GALVESTON DISTRICT

The Regulatory Program of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) plays a critical role in the protection of the aquatic ecosystem and navigation. Under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act the Corps regulates the discharge of dredged or fill material into Waters of the United States. Waters of the United States include territorial seas, coastal and inland waters, lakes, rivers, and streams, and wetlands adjacent to these water bodies. Under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 we regulate work in or affecting navigable Waters of the United States.

The repair of damages resulting from Tropical Storm Allison in parts of southeast Texas may need a permit from the Corps. The Fort Worth and Galveston Districts advise that the repair, rehabilitation, or replacement of any previously authorized structure or fill that was serviceable immediately prior to the flooding event, is authorized under Nationwide Permit #3. Such repair, rehabilitation, or replacement must not result in a deviation from the plans of the original structure and the structure to be repaired, rehabilitated, or replaced must not be put to a different use from that which was previously intended and authorized. Separate authorization may be required for new projects or deviations from the original plans.

The following twenty-eight counties have been declared disaster areas as a result of flooding associated with Tropical Storm Allison: Anderson, Angelina, Brazoria, Chambers, Cherokee, Fort Bend, Galveston, Hardin, Harris, Houston, Jasper, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Montgomery, Nacogdoches, Newton, Orange, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Smith, Trinity, Tyler, and Walker.

For Anderson, Angelina, Cherokee, Houston, Leon, Madison, Nacogdoches, San Augustine, Shelby, and Smith Counties, please contact Mr. Steve Swihart at the Fort Worth District Regulatory Office at (817) 978-4623. All other affected counties, please contact Mr. Bruce Bennett at the Galveston District Office at (409) 766-3934.